No. 11

Introduced by Senator Ashburn

May 19, 2005

An act to amend Section 31724 of the Government Code, relating to county employees' retirement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 11, as introduced, Ashburn. County employees' retirement: disability retirement.

The County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 authorizes a member of a county retirement system to be retired for disability. Under this law, if proof of disability, including any medical examination, shows to the satisfaction of the retirement board that the member is permanently incapacitated, either physically or mentally, for the performance of service duties, the board shall retire that member effective on the expiration date of any leave of absence with compensation to which that member is entitled to pursuant to specified provisions or effective upon the member's consent to retirement prior to the expiration of the leave of absence with compensation.

This bill would delete references to the board retiring the member effective on the expiration of any leave of absence with compensation and would instead provide that if the member is permanently incapacitated, either physically or mentally, for the performance of service duties, the board shall retire the member.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 31724 of the Government Code is amended to read:

31724. (a) If the proof received, including any medical examination, shows to the satisfaction of the board that the member is permanently incapacitated, either physically or mentally, for the performance of his or her duties in the service, it shall retire him effective on the expiration date of any leave of absence with compensation to which he shall become entitled under the provisions of Division 4 (commencing with Section 3201) of the Labor Code or effective on the occasion of the member's consent to retirement prior to the expiration of such leave of absence with compensation. His the member. The disability retirement allowance shall be effective as of the date such the application is filed with the board, but not earlier than the day following the last day for which he the member received regular compensation. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the retirement of a member who has been granted or is entitled to sick leave shall not become effective until the expiration of such that sick leave with compensation unless the member consents to his retirement at an earlier date.

(b) When it has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board that the filing of the member's application was delayed by administrative oversight or—by inability to ascertain the permanency of the member's incapacity until after the date following the day for which the member last received regular compensation,—such the date will be deemed to be the date the application was filed.